



Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula

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of the meeting of 22 November 2011, from 11.00 to 12.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11.00 on Tuesday, 22 November 2011, with Angelika Niebler (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 469.686)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

3. 'Science Diplomacy with the Arab Peninsula'

Exchange of views

- Introduction

Declan Kirrane, Director, Intelligence in Science

David Harmon, Cabinet of Commissioner Maire GÖGHEGAN-QUINN - Research, Innovation and Science

- The Potential Scope of R&D cooperation between the EU and the Arab Peninsula in Health Policy

Prof. Kenneth Wilson, United Arab Emirates National Research Foundation

Dr. Husam Sultan Al-Ulama, United Arab Emirates National Research Foundation

Dr. Sehamuddin Galadari, Provost for Research, United Arab Emirates University

- An Example of Potential Cooperation: The Life Sciences Research Infrastructures

Prof. Kurt Zatloukal, Medical University of Graz

- Debate

The participants heard the Chair who welcomed the guests and pointed to the importance of

the meeting at a time when the EU is negotiating the future development of its research policy and when the relevant EP Committees are working on the 8th Framework Programme.

Therefore the Chair considered that the discussions during the meeting could provide to the MEPs useful information related to the cooperation opportunities with the Arab Peninsula countries in the field of research and development.

Mr. Declan Kirrane informed the members that the guests' presentations will focus mainly on research infrastructure considerations relevant for conceiving capacity building instruments part of the EU's Framework Programme. He pointed out to the importance of shifting from programmes for developing research infrastructure to significant policy options to address global challenges. The cooperation between the EU and the Gulf region on issues related to research infrastructure building is of great potential; in particular the case of health research will be the focus of the presentations.

Mr. Harmon presented the political competencies of Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn, responsible for the operations under the Research and Technology 7th Framework Programme (FP7) (2007 - 2013), specifically the Research Fund facility of €55 billions which supports research activities in the range of almost all socio-economic areas. The Commission's calls are published in July every year and public-private partnerships in the field of education and research, from around the world, operate the programmes. Moreover, 6% of the funding instrument under the FP 7 are drawn down by public and private organisations in the sector of research of education from outside the EU.

In terms of relations with the GCC Member States, Mr. Harmon considered that the 12 different FP7 initiatives in which GCC countries participate do not make use of the real potential. In February 2010, at the EU - GCC Senior Officials Meeting, the Science and Technology International Cooperation Network for GCC countries (INCONET - GCC) has been launched, with a budget of € 2.6 million. Its aim is to develop bi-regional dialogue by bringing together policymakers and stakeholders of the GCC and EU Member States and to create an action platform to identify the most promising research areas of common interest, one of which is the health sector.

Mr. Harmon informed the members that the Commission is envisaging a new programme "Arise in 2020", providing for enhanced focus on the field of science and research activities in accordance with the Lisbon Treaty, with a proposed budget for 2014 - 2020 of €18 billion. The EC also plans to launch, in September 2012, a Communication on its international strategy, focusing on enhancing collaboration between private and public education research organisations from around the world to tackle the society problems currently faced.

The guests from different UAE research and education institutions presented opportunities for R&D collaboration in the field of medical sciences, in particular from the perspective of the UAE Government strategic directions through the UAE National Research Foundation (NRF). Among the requirements in order to achieve the needed collaboration in the field are: a strong coherent and transparent policy framework to support research in the field; instruments to enable global research projects and instruments that would enable the NRF to lead a regional hub of medical and health science researchers from GCC. He also informed the members on the UAE's intention to organize a major event in Dubai in 2012 with a view to enhancing European infrastructure R&D platforms in bio banking and IT for Medicine to potential Arab Peninsula partners.

The Chair emphasized the importance of a strategic approach, such as the one within the FP, and the necessity to develop initiatives and specific programmes with the partners in the Arab Peninsula.

The members expressed their interest in further intensifying the cooperation in the field through different activities, such as exchanges of good practices. Answering Mr. Krahmer's question regarding example of barriers that might exist to such cooperation, the guests were of the opinion that the current practices of collaboration on individual basis, based on old infrastructures, represents one of the main inconvenient. In order to overcome that, a strong platform is needed.

The Chair underlined the great opportunities that exist for R&D in the Gulf region, not only in the field of oil and gas and insisted on the need to establish international standards and to further develop the cooperation with the research institutes in the region.

4. Any other business

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 January 2012.

The meeting closed at 12.30.

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